GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF POST AND TELEGRAPH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to introduce the scientific developments and technological innovations in the fields of Post and Telegraph in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the approximate quantity of posts mailed through speed post during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to revise the rates for the speed post;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a) & (b) The Government has already introduced various applications of technology in the Post such as setting up of computer based multipurpose counter machine in important post offices with concept of single window for all kinds of transactions. Automatic mail Processing Centres have been established at Mumbai and Chennai.77 VSATs have been installed and another 62 are in the process of being installed. The VSATs are being used presently for money transfer and the VSAT network ultimately would be the intranet of the Department of Posts. Further, the Micro-Processor Electronic Gadgets like Store and Forward Message Switching System (SFMSS), Electronic Key Board Concentrators Terminal Concentrators (FTCs) have been introduced in the Nationa Telegraphic Network. The details of the systems are given in the Annexure.

(c) The details of traffic for the last three years in respect of Speed Post articles are as under:-

1996-97 - 112.4 lakhs
1997-98 - 141.4. lakhs
1998-99 - 195.95 lakhs

(d) No such decision has so far been taken in this regard.

(e) & (f) Does not arise in view of (d), above.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF MODERNISATION TELECOM CIRCLE WISE POSITION

Name of Telecom SFMSS SFMSS SFMSS EKBC/EKB FTC/FT
Circle 128 64 32

Andaman &Nikobar Nil/1
Andhra Pradesh 1 1 8/39 4/146
Assam 1 9/96
Bihar 1 1 3/2 0/1
Gujarat 1 1 18/88 4/64
Haryana 1 3/46 0/12
Himachal Pradesh 1 6/48 0/7
Jammu & Kashmir 1 4/25 0/2
Karnataka 1 1 1 14/130 0/32
Kerala 1 1 1 18/74 0/48
Madhya Pradesh 1 4 4/8
Maharashtra 2 2 4 43/368 0/114
North East 1 3/14

Orissa		2			2/8	
Punjab	1	1		14/39	1/32	
Rajasthan		1	1	32/209	2/28	
Tamil Nadu	1	3	4	60/496	4/169	
Uttar Pradesh(East)	1		3	14/0	3/54	
Uttar Pradesh(West)			3	10/30	3/44	
West Bengal	1			28/233		
Northern Telecom Region, New Delhi	1			3/70	1/16	
TOTAL	10	13	30	301/2074	22/749	

LEGEND:

SFMSS	Store & Forward Message Switching System
EKBC	Electronic Key Board Concentrators
EKB	Electronic Key Board
FTC	Formatted Terminal Concentrator
FT	Formatted Terminal